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**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in order to place the present application in a better condition for examination.

Specifically, the claims have been amended to avoid extra claims fees. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new matter.

All of the changes made in this Preliminary Amendment are made without prejudice, so that the matter deleted may be reintroduced as necessary for prosecution of the application.

**Summary and Conclusion:**

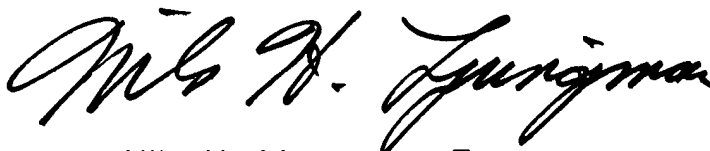
It is submitted that Applicants have provided a new and unique BEVERAGE BOTTLING PLANT FOR FILLING BOTTLES WITH A LIQUID BEVERAGE FILLING MATERIAL, AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING CARRYING GRIPS TO CONTAINERS WITH FILLED BOTTLES. It is submitted that the claims, as amended, as now presented, are fully distinguishable over the prior art. Therefore, it is requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued at an early date.

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Respectfully submitted,

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